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CANADIAN ZINC CLOSES \$20 MILLION FINANCING

Vancouver, British Columbia, July 10, 2018 - Canadian Zinc Corporation (TSX: CZN; OTCQB: CZICF) (“Canadian Zinc” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that further to its press releases dated May 15, 2018 and July 5, 2018, the Company has closed its C\$20 million financing.

Pursuant to the financing, the Company issued 100 million units to RCF VI CAD LLC (“RCF VI CAD”), a subsidiary of Resource Capital Fund VI L.P., at a price of C\$0.20 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant will entitle RCF VI CAD to purchase one common share at an exercise price of C\$0.25 per share until December 31, 2018.

The proceeds from the financing will be used to repay the US\$10 million bridge loan advanced by Resource Capital Fund VI L.P. in December 2017 and for ongoing development of the Company’s flagship Prairie Creek Zinc-Lead-Silver Project in the Northwest Territories, including additional engineering and permitting work to improve project confidence and general working capital.

In conjunction with the closing of the financing, (i) the existing Investor Agreement with Resource Capital Fund VI L.P., was amended to include RCF VI CAD and to provide for the right of RCF VI CAD to nominate additional members to the board of directors and to provide certain other project oversight rights, among other things, and (ii) Resource Capital Fund VI L.P. transferred its holdings in Canadian Zinc to RCF VI CAD.

As a result of the financing, RCF VI CAD holds approximately 41% of the issued shares of the Company on a non-diluted basis, and approximately 48% on a non-diluted basis assuming the warrants are exercised.

About Canadian Zinc

Canadian Zinc is a TSX-listed exploration and development company trading under the symbol "CZN". The Company's key project is the 100%-owned Prairie Creek Project, an advanced-stage zinc-lead-silver property, located in the Northwest Territories.

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This press release contains certain forward-looking information, including, among other things, the expected use of proceeds from the financing and the advancement of mineral properties. This forward looking information includes, or may be based upon, estimates, forecasts, and statements as to management's expectations with respect to, among other things, the issue of permits, the size and quality of mineral resources, future trends for the company, progress in development of mineral properties, future production and sales volumes, capital costs, mine production costs, demand and market outlook for metals, future metal prices and treatment and refining charges, the outcome of legal proceedings, the timing of exploration, development and mining activities, acquisition of shares in other companies and the financial results of the company. There can be no assurances that such statements will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that mineral resources will be converted into mineral reserves.